Survey of Ratnagiri district for Mineral Wealth

1165. SHRI HUSEN DALWAI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken a detailed survey of Ratnagiri District to assess its mineral wealth;

(b) the names of the minerals which have been found, there as a result of the survey; and

(c) what is the quantum of bauxite deposits found in that District?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) to (c) As a result of the surveys carried out by GSI, the following reserves of mineral deposits have so far been estimated in the Ratnagiri District:—

Minerals	Reserves (In million
Bauxite	5·28 (Metallurgical and unclassified grades)
Chromite	0·11 (all grades)
China Clay	2·03
Ilmenite Sand	4.12
Iron ore (Magnetite)	63.18 (with 56-66% iron)
Talc/Steatite/ Soapstone	9·95
Silica	58.09

Besides, limestone, felspar, asbestos and ochre also occur in the District.

Encroachments on the pavements of New Delhi

1166. SHRI HUSEN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the pavements of Panchkuin Road, Arya Samaj Road and adjoining roads of New Delhi are being used as shops, showrooms and workshops causing inconvenience to the pedestrians who are compelled to use the main roads risking their lives;

(b) whether it is a fact that the encroachers pay hush money to the police every month in order to avoid prosecution; and

(c) whether Government propose to appoint Sub-Divisional Magistrates to oversee and ensure that such encroachments do not take place on the pavements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration. The Traffic Police made 671 prosecutions and the local Police have filed 118 challans for encroachments in this area, during the current year (upto the 15th July, 1984).

Repairs and Maintenance of Rajasthan Atomic Power Station

1167. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the time schedule for the annual repairs and maintenance of the Rajasthan Atomic Power Station;

(b) whether the time schedule has been maintained during the last three years; and

(c) what were the total number of working days of the second Unit of Rajasthan Atomic Power Station during that period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE, ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) Each unit of RAPS requires an annual maintenance of about four to six weaks. These annual maintenance outages are normally supposed to be scheduled in consultation with Grid Authorities every year.

(b) In 1981 and 1983 it was not possible to avail a planned annual maintenance shut down due to shortage of power in Rajasthan. However, in 1982 a long forced outage resulting from turbine blade failure was utilised for carrying out annual maintenance. Since then, no planned annual maintenance has been availed till date.

(c) The total number of working days of Unit-II of RAPS during 1981, 1982 and 1983 are 293 days, 152 days and 278 days respectively.

Banning use of places of worship as Arsenals

1168. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce a Bill in Parliament with a view to banning the use of places of worship as arsenals; and

(b) if so, by when the same is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b) Government have taken note of the views expressed in certain quarters about the need to prevent misuse of places of worship. No final decision has been taken in this regard.

Criminals jumping Bail

1169. SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that about four thousand criminals have jumped bail in Delhi;

(b) whether any inquiry has been conducted into the matter;

(c) whether Government are aware that there is collusion between the criminals and those persons who stand surety for them for their release on bail; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken against such persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) As on 20th June, 1984, there were 5,311 persons declared as proclaimed offenders. Out of these, 3,956 had jumped bail.

(b) Local police is always on the look out for these proclaimed offenders. During the last six months, 140 proclaimed offenders have been arrested.

(c) and (d) The accused persons are released on bail by the courts on furnishing sureties. Some persons have adopted the profession on standing sureties. They furnish wrong addresses and are subsequently not traceable. When any accused persons jumps bail action u/s 446 Cr. P.C. is taken.

Chassis of Vehicles lying unused in Old Police Lines, Delhi

1170. SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about seventy-five chassis of vehicles are lying unused in the Old Police Lines, Delhi for the last two years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Police Department has not made any arrangement to construct bodies on these Chassis so as to put them to regular use; and